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- The Soviet Government has placed an order with the Paris Commune Shipyard 1. at Gdynia for the construction of two cargo boats of the IMELITOPOL type (approximately 400 BRT) with motor propulsion. These vessels are being built on the slipway opposite the new hull-building hall (kadlubownia).
- The six coal and ore carriers of 3,800 BRT, SOIDEK type, have been launched. 2. These vessels are new undergoing trials which are unsuccessful because of the faulty construction of the boilers. 1 The flues and boiler and plates were manufactured in Czechoslovakia and were sent to Ddansk (Danzig) from the USSR together with the plates for the boiler shells. The shipyardsbent the sheets on the premises and installed the complete boilers. Each thip has three boilers with corrugated flue tubes, the heating surface of each being approximately 200 square meters. The boilers are equipped with artificial draught arrangements of the Howden type.
- The overhaul and repair of the VALE (sic) has now been completed. The ship's 3. interior has been luxuriously refitted. On completion, the Soviet Consul gave a reception at the Consulate to which all workers who participated in the refitting of the vessel were invited. The ship is now taking 3,000 tons of ballast before going on a test voyage.
- The Paris Commune Shipyard was unable to execute in full its program of repairs 4. for the first half of 1952. As a result of this failure, a commission from the Ministry of Heavy Industry arrived at Gdynia to investigate the mauses. The chairman of the commission promised the workers larger food allowances. Tr Their canteen is also to be allocated larger quantities of meat in order to entice new workers to the shipyard.2

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	_	and Gdynia were worsening.	The workers openly refused to increase
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